

the 28th instant, and would take leave to add, that the business now before the senate can with convenience be acted on and finished by an earlier day than the one designated, should an earlier day meet the views of your honourable body.

By order,

L. Gassaway, Clk.

Also returned the bill, entitled, An act to make valid certain proceedings of Thomas H. Hicks, late sheriff and collector of Dorchester county.

And the bill, entitled, An act to divorce Eliza Howell, and her husband Isaac Howell, of Washington county, severally endorsed 'will pass with the proposed amendment.'

Also returned the bill, entitled, An act to authorise marriage in certain cases, endorsed 'will not pass.'

And returned the bill, entitled, An act to provide for electing commissioners for Washington county, and prescribing their powers and duties, endorsed, 'will pass with the proposed amendment.' Which amendment being read the first time,

Mr. Yoe moved that it now have a second reading by a special order.

Pending the question on this motion, and the debate which arose thereon, the Speaker announced, that the hour had arrived for resuming the consideration of the order of the day; which was the unfinished business of yesterday, in reference to the several bills reported from the committee on ways and means, for the general valuation and assessment of property in this state, with the amendments proposed and reported by the committee of the whole house to the one first reported. When,

Mr. M'Mahon of Baltimore city, moved, that the said order of the day be postponed.

And the question on this motion being put, it was decided in the negative.

On motion by Mr. M'Mahon, of Baltimore city,

The yeas and nays being required by seven members, were ordered and taken.

Those who voted in the Affirmative, are,

Messrs. Kent

Stockett

Turner of Balt. county

Ely

Shower

Hardcastle of Dorches.

Evans

Gale

Townsend

Mercer

Somervell

Hitch

Bowles

Hope

Johns

Sutton

Smithson

Pearson

M'Mahon of Balt. city

Steuart of Balt. city

Shafer

Yoe